

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Washington D.C. 20240Form Approved
OMB No. 42-1076AHISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION
APPLICATION—PART 1

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at anytime during the year.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. Name of property: 726 Light Street
 Address of property: 726 Light Street
 City Baltimore County _____ State Md. Zip Code 21230
 Name of historic district in which property is located: Federal Hill

Check here if request is for:

- ☒ certification (structure contributes to significance of the district)
☐ decertification (structure does not contribute to significance of the district)
☐ easement qualification (for donation of easement on structure or land for conservation purposes).

2. Description of Physical Appearance:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements-use reverse side if necessary)

This three story brick, pitched-roofed building with wood interior framing is distinguished by its roof with pedimented dormer window, a feature (continued on reverse)

3. Statement of Significance:

(use reverse side if necessary)

The building is fairly intact and an example of a Late Federal/Victorian style working class home common to the district. The original structure was probably built between 1800 and 1810 and appears on an 1851 Baltimore City building location map in the same detail as recent maps. Date of construction (if known): 1800-1810 ☐ Original site ☐ Moved ☐ Date of alterations (if known): about 1905

4. Name and Mailing Address of Owner:

Name Joseph E. Geatz / Ralph E. LeBlanc, M.D.
 Street 701 Cathedral Street, Apt. 24
 City Baltimore State Md. Zip Code 21201
 Telephone number (during day): Area Code 301 - 864-2818 (Geatz)

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature Joseph E. Geatz / Ralph E. LeBlanc, M.D. Date 9/10/81
 Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number [REDACTED]

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of a Registered Historic District and ☐ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

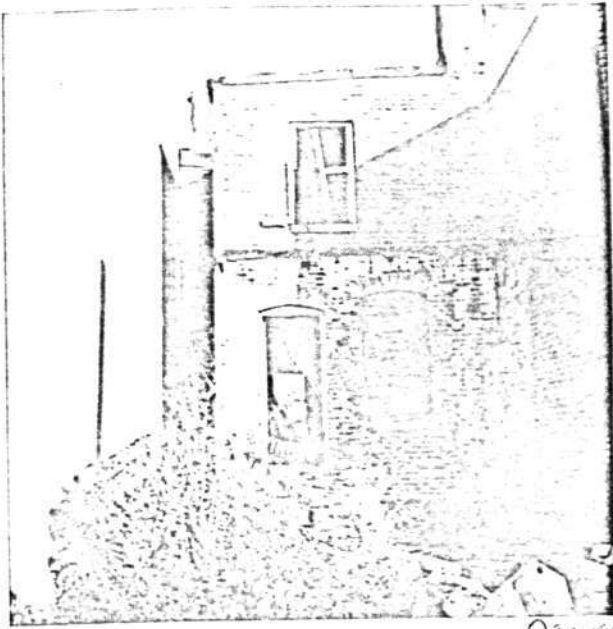
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Signature _____ Date _____
 State Historic Preservation Officer

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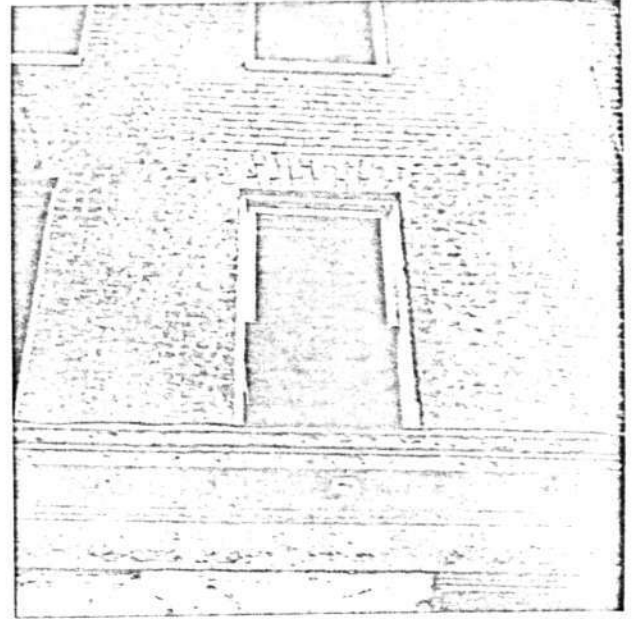
unique to the 700 block of Light Street. The building is in clear view of Baltimore's Inner Harbor. The first floor metal corniced storefront, an alteration to the original structure, as well as a matching metal roof cornice, gives the building ~~the building~~ its present unique Federal-Victorian appearance. The rectangular floor plan includes a rear addition which is approximately three feet narrower than the main structure. This allows for rear facing windows on all levels from the original and added structures. The front facade is layed in flemish bond with flat arch, splayed brick lintels. The interior features pine flooring, second story decorative oak support columns, stairease, useable fourth floor attic space, and molded pine wood trim around doors and windows.

#3 Construction materials reflect economic-technological constraints of the owner/builders. Notably, the floor joists are rough sawn, non-standard size quality and the roof supports are connected with hand formed wooden pegs. The first record of deed shows the land was once owned by John Eager Howard, an historically famous Revolutionary War hero, and leased by him as early as 1784. The probable first owner and/or builder of the structure was Peter Gold, a sea captain who owned the property in 1803. The original building was probably altered to include a storefront around 1900 according to tax assessments and dating of construction materials. The 1915 Baltimore City Directory lists the property as the business location of James A. Fingles engaged in "Sanitary Plumbing, Tin Roofing, Stove and Furnace" work. The storefront space was later used as a workplace for Sol Gale, a tailor, from 1921 until his death in 1954. The property was owned and condemned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore by 1974 and has remained boarded up since then. The rehabilitation of 726 Light Street will restore the building to appear as it did in the early part of this century and will reflect the continued commercial/residential flavor of the present historical community in which it is located.



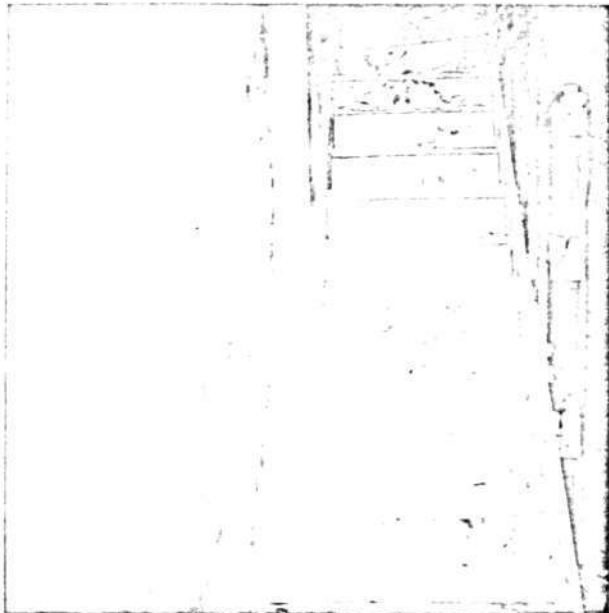
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#11 rear facade
726 Light St., Balt., Md.



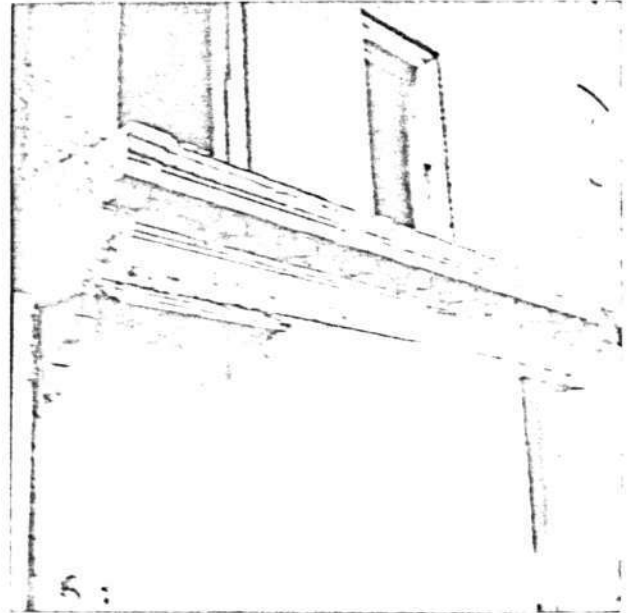
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#2 front facade
726 Light Street, Balt., Md.



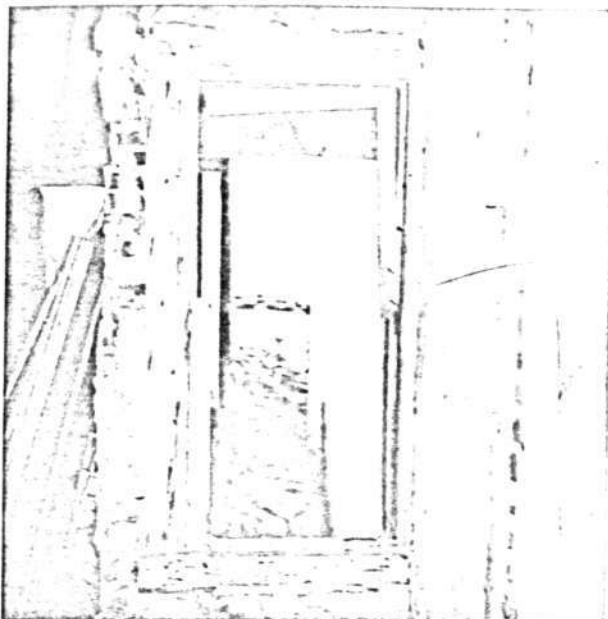
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#9 stairs
726 Light St., Balt., Md.



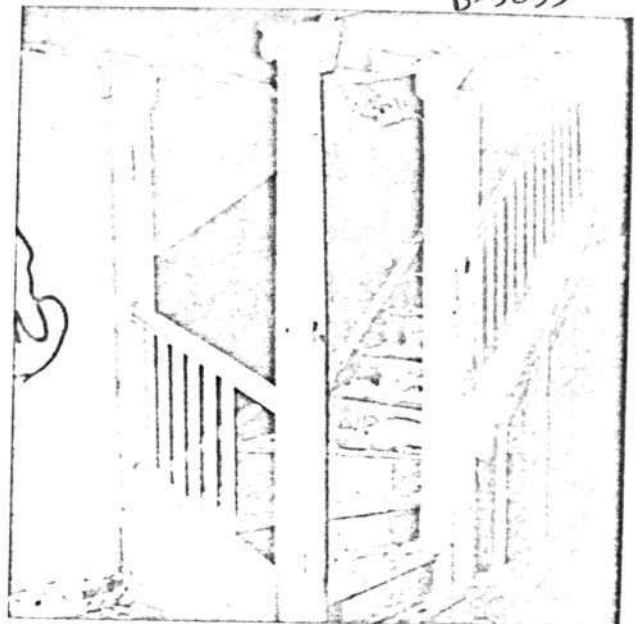
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#1 staircase
726 Light St., Balt., Md.



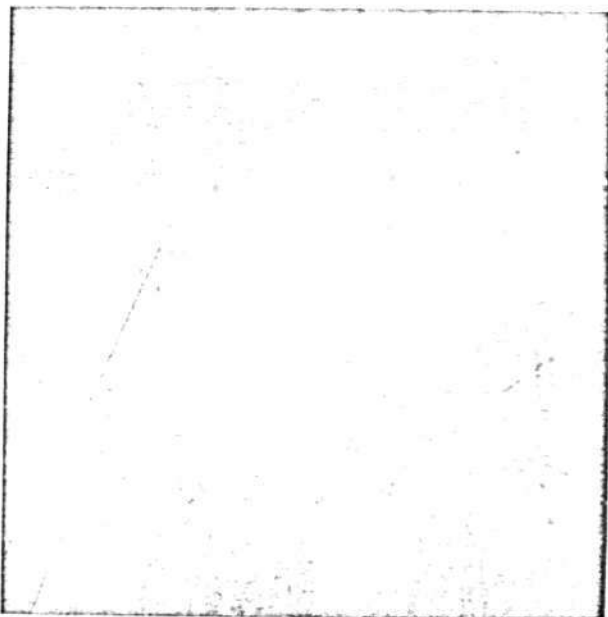
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#5 window trim
726 Light St., Balt., Md.



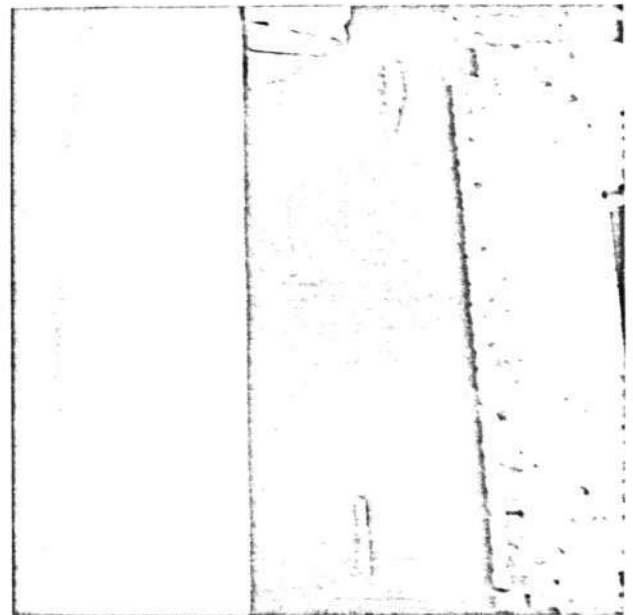
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#7 columns and stairs
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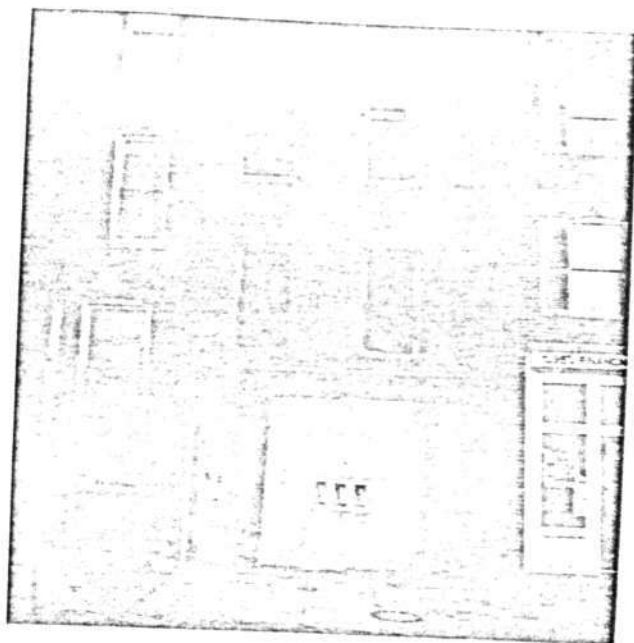
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#8 pine flooring
726 Light St., Balt., Md.



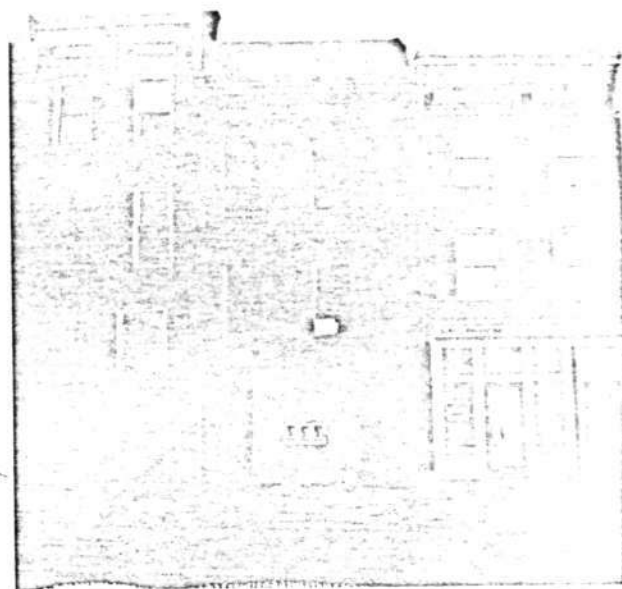
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#10 rear, side
726 Light St.
Balt., Md. facade



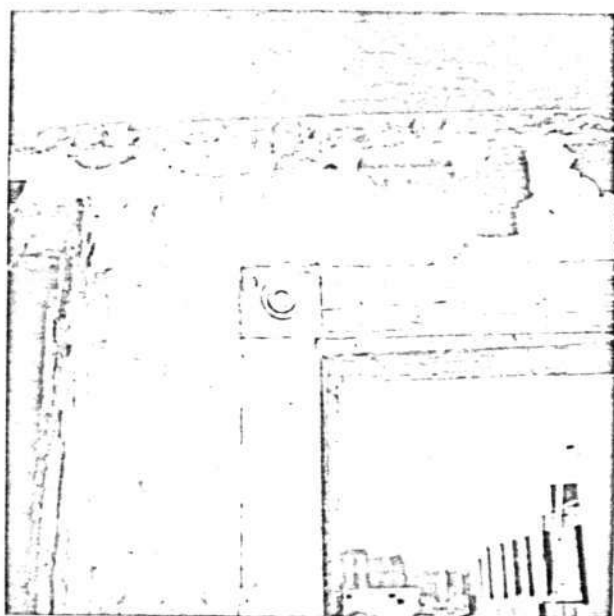
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#3 Storefront
726 Light Street, Balt., Md.



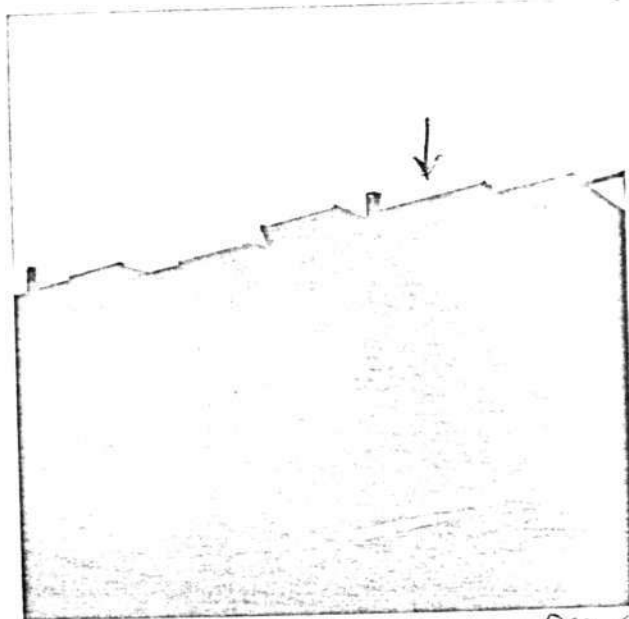
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#4 front
726 Light St., Balt., Md.



Dec. 1982

#6 door trim
726 Light St., Balt., Md.



Dec. 1982

sheet piling
12 726 Light St., Balt., Md.

B-3028 - B-3035
740-720 Light St. (West side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1860-1884

This group of three story high, two bay wide brick buildings with shed roofs and Italianate-style bracketed cornices was built by several different builders in the early 1860's and in the 1880's (734-740 Light St.) The 1860's houses at the northern end of the block were built to serve a combined residential/commercial function and the original storefronts are still intact at 720-722, 724, and 726 Light St. 734-740 Light St. were built as residences but 740 has most recently served as a local bar/restaurant. The houses are currently unoccupied, but have recently been sold by the city to private owners and are awaiting renovation and rehabilitation.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

726 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
___ STRUCTURE
___ SITE
___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
___ PRIVATE
___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS
___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

___ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
___ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
___ YES: RESTRICTED
___ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE
___ COMMERCIAL
___ EDUCATIONAL
___ ENTERTAINMENT
___ GOVERNMENT
___ INDUSTRIAL
___ MILITARY
___ MUSEUM
___ PARK
___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___ RELIGIOUS
___ SCIENTIFIC
___ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER: restoration contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mayor and City Council

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

Maryland STATE, zip code 21202

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

Maryland STATE 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT ☒ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, two bay brick house with shed roof and modillion cornice was built in the late 1860's, replacing an earlier gable roofed structure on this site. The first floor area has been converted into a store-front and a fourth dormer-windowed story under a steeply pitched gable roof has been added above the front section of the house.

The house is three and a half stories in height, about 16' wide, and occupies a lot 75' deep. The house is one long room deep with a three story high, two bay deep rear addition. The house is constructed in running bond. The original shed roof is capped by a stamped sheet metal cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of modillions set above a plain frieze area bordered by a molding strip. Two end brackets, the upper edges of which terminate in stylized "anthemions," frame and support the cornice. There is a covered rear end chimney located at the west end of the rear addition.

The second and third floor window openings have splayed brick lintels and wood sills. The window openings are boarded. The first floor area of the house has been converted into a store-front. A glass paneled door is located in the northernmost bay, flanked by a three-sided projecting shop window set on a wooden base. A second door, leading to the residence on the upper floors, is located in the southernmost bay. A deep and heavy sheet metal cornice, matching the roof cornice, extends across the entire width of the store-front. The entrance is reached by one stone step.

The floor plan of this building is typical of the combined store-front/residence. The door to the residence opens into a long, narrow hall which leads back to the stairs to the second floor. On the second floor there is a kind of double parlor in the long front room, with the kitchen located in the room to the rear. On the third floor there are two bedrooms, with a third small bedroom in the dormer windowed fourth story. The first floor of the building has one long room, with a storage area to the rear. The store-front room still has its original tin-plate ceiling with a metal egg-and-dart molding running around the room at the cornice level. On the second floor two free-standing wooden Ionic columns divide the front parlor from the stair hall area.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES late 1860's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as representing a combination residence/store-front in almost original condition. The current treatment of the store-front on the first floor and the residence above seems to date from the early 1880's when the house was remodeled. The original tin plate ceiling and metal egg-and-dart cornice of the store area are intact, as are two applied wooden Doric pilasters which mark the division between the front and rear of the store area. The free-standing Ionic columns on the second floor, which divide the front parlor from a rear stair hall area, are interesting period details of the Classic Revival style.

The house is currently being offered for sale by the City to private owners and will hopefully soon be renovated.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

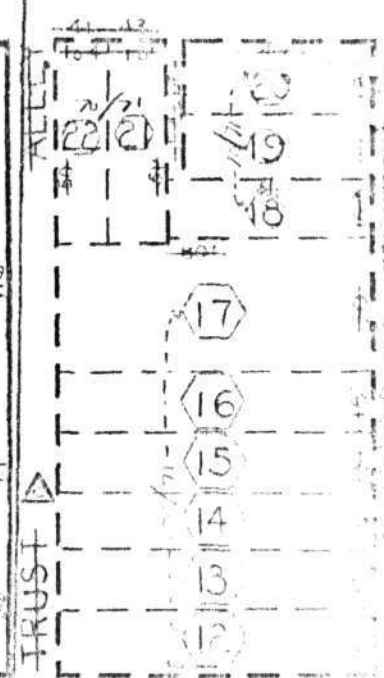
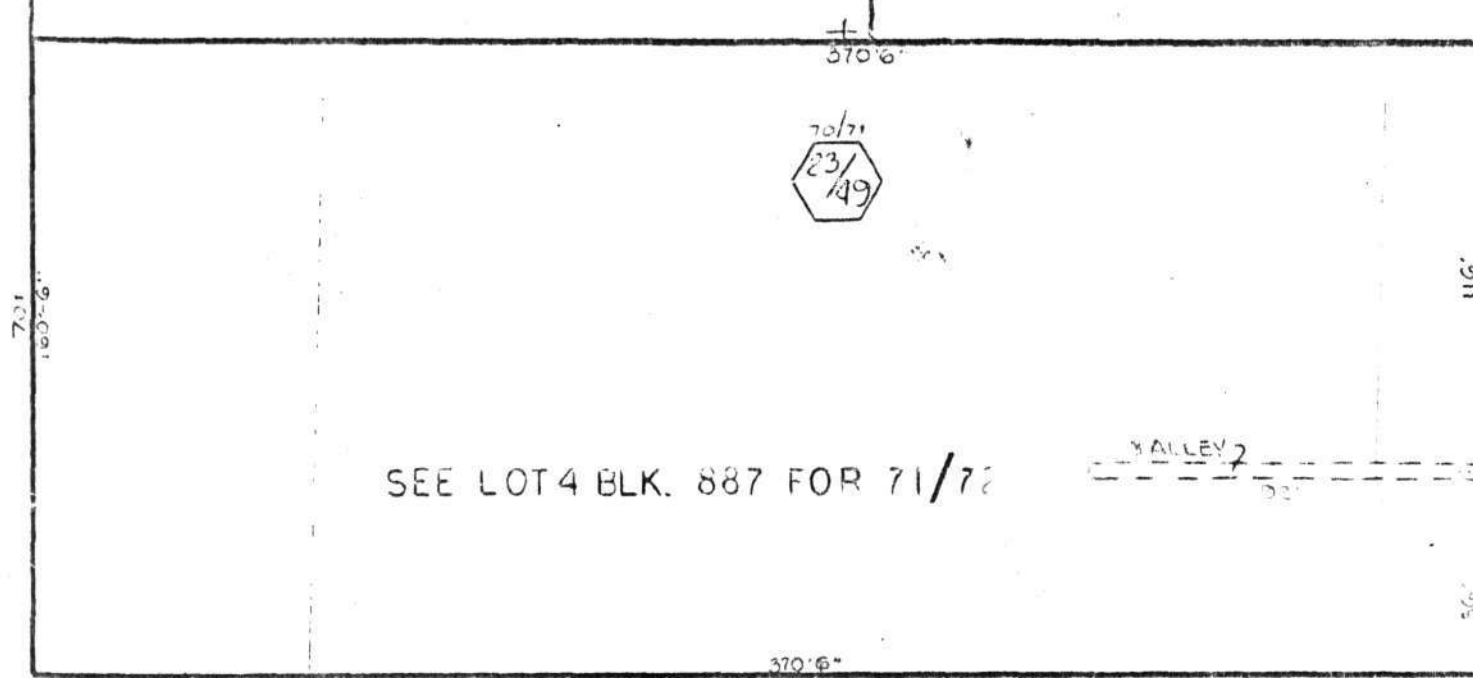
Maryland 21204

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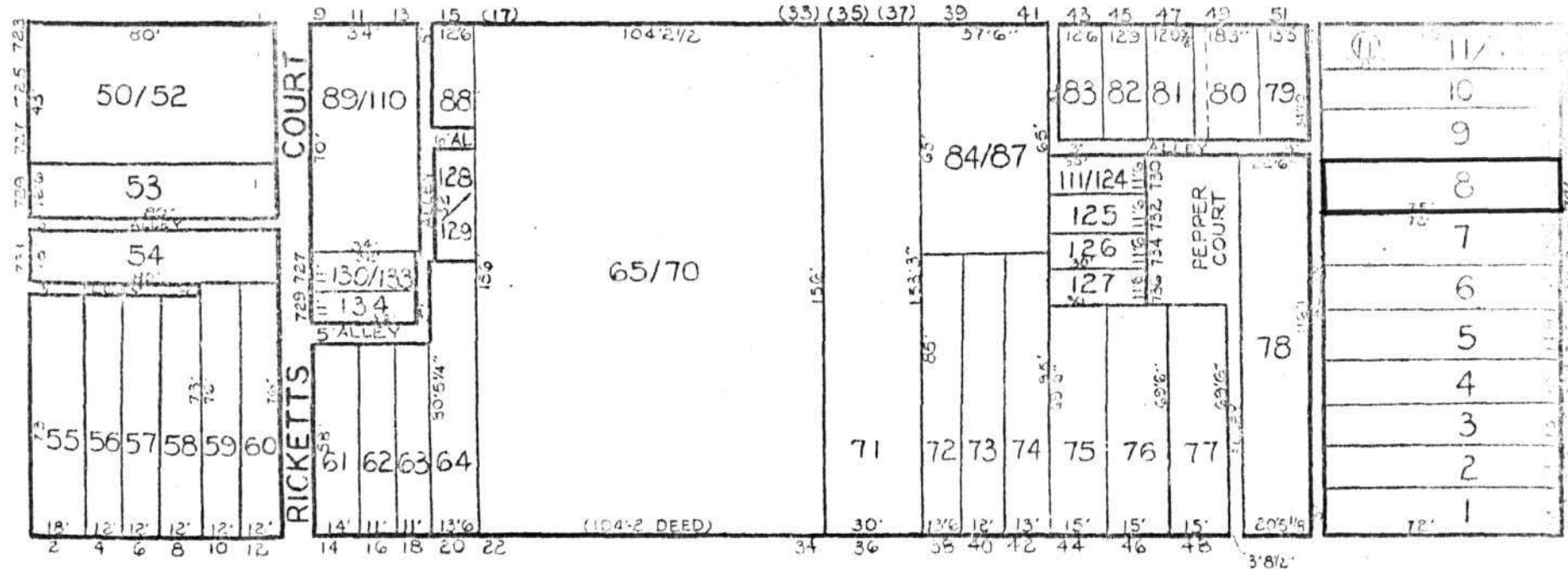
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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E. HUGHES

S. CHARLES



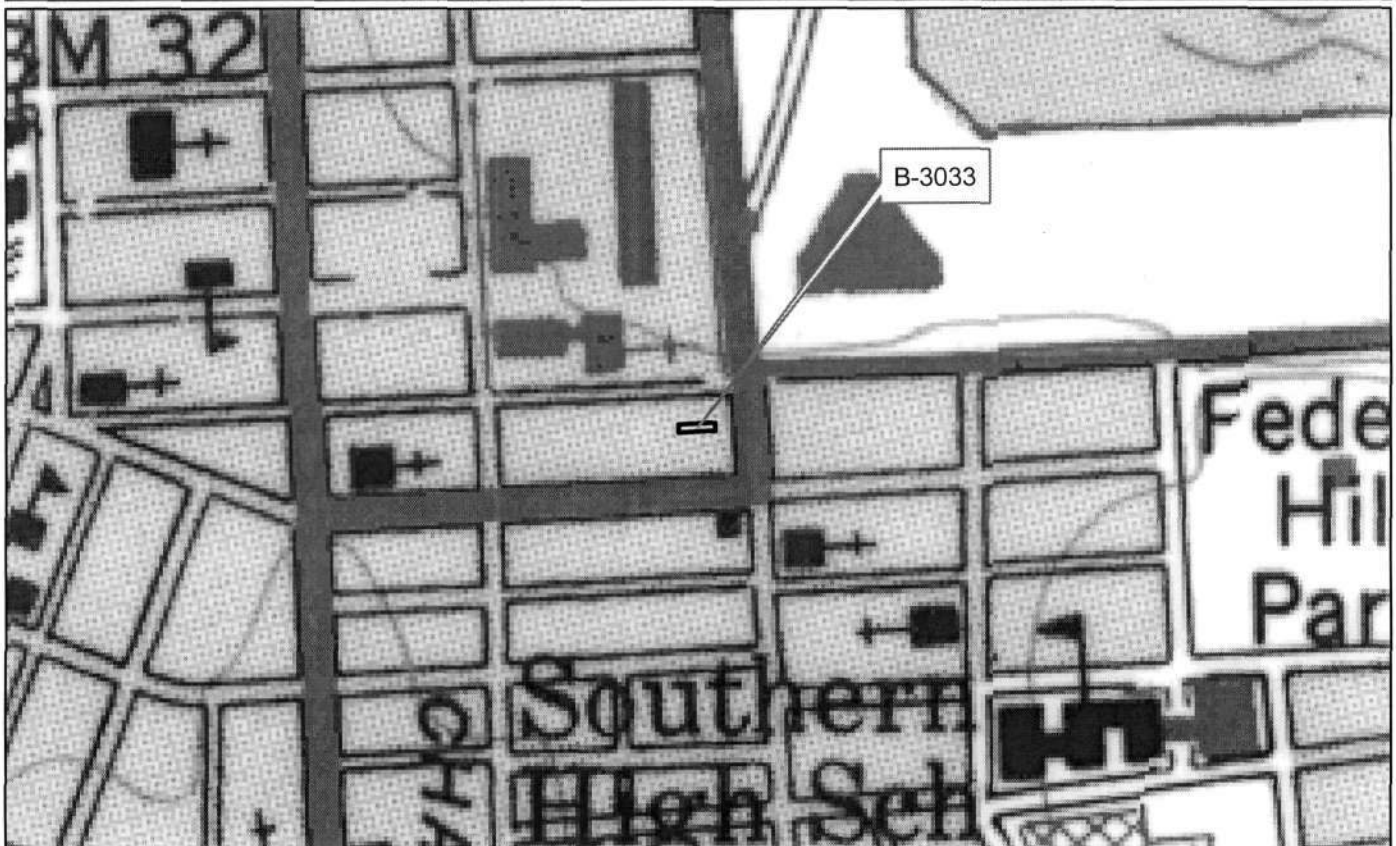
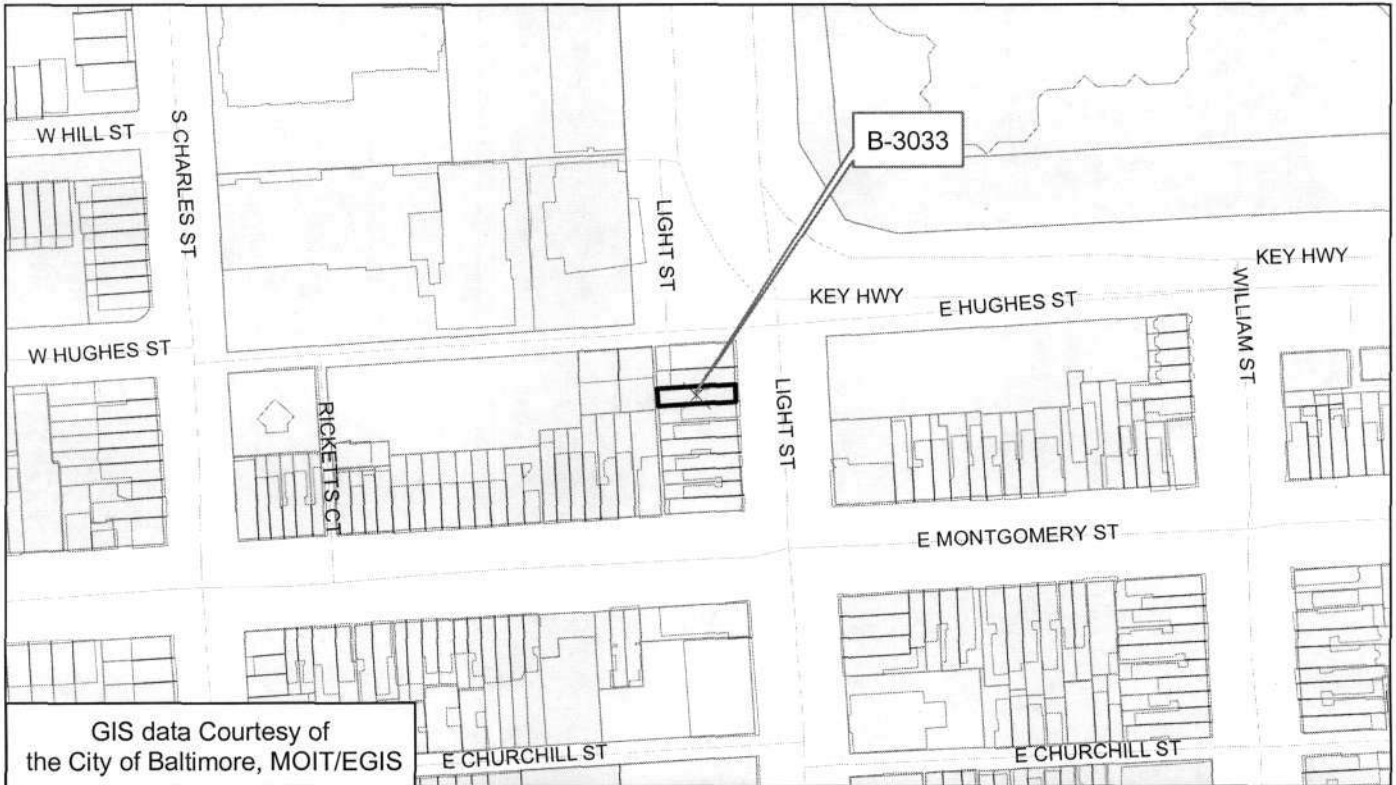
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LIGHT

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B-3033
726 Light Street
Block 0896 Lots 008
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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726 Light St.

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East elevation